

**CLASS SPECIFICATION  
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
CRIMINALIST II**

**DEFINITION:**

Under direction, to perform a wide variety of professional criminalistics work in a number of complex specialty areas in the Police Crime Laboratory, such as forensic serology/D.N.A., firearms examination, trace evidence analysis, and narcotics analysis; and to perform related work.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Performs chemical analysis of blood, fibers, narcotics, and other forms of evidence;
- Makes physical examinations and comparisons of firearms, bullets, and shoe/tire impressions;
- Performs or directs photographic work;
- Prepares evidence for presentation in court and testifies as an expert witness;
- Surveys and searches crime scenes to discover evidential material;
- Develops evidence in the field by making castings of imprints and developing latent fingerprints;
- Develops, defines, and creates criminalistic procedures and techniques;
- Instructs police officers in criminalistic techniques;
- Provides technical information and assistance to private organizations and other governmental and law enforcement agencies;
- Conducts research projects;
- Tests new laboratory equipment, techniques, and procedures;
- Recommends and requisitions technical supplies and equipment;
- Prepares reports and keeps records.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

College graduation with a Bachelor's degree in criminalistics, forensic science or a physical or biological science; **AND** two years of professional criminalistics experience, which must include at least three of the following areas performed in a crime laboratory: forensic serology or D.N.A.; firearms identification; narcotics analysis; trace evidence analysis; crime scene processing; blood/alcohol analysis; toxicological analysis. A Master's degree in Criminalistics or Forensic Science may be substituted for one year of the required experience. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License.

**NOTE:** Additional professional criminalistics experience as described above may be substituted for education lacked on a year-for-year basis.

- \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.